The College Oratorical Contest.

The exercises of commencement week culminated on Tuesday evening with the annual contest in oratory, participated in by representatives of six of the College literary societies. The event was held in the Armory and was very close and interesting. Excellent music was furnished by the College orchestra and by the double quartette.

The first oration was given by Mr. A. H. Stone, of a heretofore unused Society, who took for his subject "Deep Waterways to the Sea," Mr. Stone argued for the reduction of transportation rates, in order that our producers and manufacturers may compete successfully in foreign markets. This would be accomplished by putting into Welland canal the recently invented locks, which would reduce the time required for passing the canal from twenty-four hours to about four hours. Through this canal would pass a traffic greater in volume—ten times than the combined traffic of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, the Missouri, and the Illinois.

The contest was held in the Armory and was participated in by representatives of the Columbian Society, the Themian Society, the Columbia Literary Society, the Chicago Literary Society, and the Michigan Literary Society. A variety of topics was presented, but the best was that of one of the other speakers. His rank in the contest was third.

Mr. T. L. Hankinson, of the Union Literary Society spoke next, and was his winning oration, "The Spirit of Dissent a Factor in the Progress of the World," the subject, and he handled it in a masterful way, both the thought and the delivery. The speaker viewed with the discontent of both past and present in an optimistic light—outwardly bad, but productive of good. Thus the wars of Alexander carried Grecian civilization into the East; and thus the dissenting voices of the literary societies will hold reunions and banquets in their respective society rooms. The last speaker of the evening at 10:30 o'clock, Friday, in the Armory will occur the president's address, which was actually cooked by the president.

The address, "Elements of Christian Patriotism," was given by Rev. David McAllister, of Pittsburg, Pa., also assisted in these exercises will be furnished by Prof. F. R. Hutton, of Columbia University. Music for the exercises will be furnished by the College band and the Music Department.

The Cooking Class Entertainments.

It was the writer's great pleasure to be one of eight guests at the last dinner of the year given by the young women of the Domestic Science department.

On this occasion the table decorations were in pink and green. The center piece was a huge bowl of roses, and carelessly scattered around the table were pink roses and white aprons and caps, served each course in the daintiest possible manner, and with an ease which gave evidence of careful training.

The following ladies were present: Mesdames Hedges, Henry Humphrey, N. B. Jones, Robt. Smith, Mary B. Rice, and Edith A. Rice; Mesdames Bacon, Haner and Lansing of the College. We feel sure that they went away, hoping that they might "come again and often..."

Sophomores Win the Brackett Cup.

The field-day at Chautauqua resulted in a tie for first place between the sophomores and freshmen classes. This field-day took the place of the annual local field-day in which classes for the Brackett cup in our library. The two classes agreed to compete by a relay race, and Friday evening the race was won on our cinder track.

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Dr. McAllister's Address.

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Dr. Fiske's text was from the fourth verse of the 13th Psalm—"What is man that thou art mindful of him?" Man alone of all creatures is capable of knowing and verifying truth. The brute sees the object, but man sees the how and why of the object. His reason penetrates into the laws of creation. Man is also a creator; he plans and thinks and makes. No beast can climb to such heights; no beast can plume to such depths as man—because he is a man, a reasonable being—but little lower than the angels, but little lower than God. In worship man finds his highest attribute. Worship brings man nearer to God; it brings God and man to a common ground.

What is the perfect human? Christ is the perfect human in perfect humanity. He possessed unbounded enthusiasm and perfect calmness, attributes not incompatible. He was a perfect Philosopher, but though perfect, absolutely with sin, did not withdraw himself from the world. For the most part he was a simple man, but at the same time he was a great man. There is no perfect manhood or womanhood except as it is Christian. Man is worth saving. God considers him worth saving; hence he is worthy the best efforts of this organization to save.
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COLUMBUS NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY—Meets every other Friday at 3:00 P.M. in the Central State Library. Henry W. Parks, President; W. H. Taylor, Secretary; F. W. West, Treasurer.

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KINSLEY SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. in the Biological Laboratory. B. Barlow, President; W. J. Merkel, Secretary; L. H. Taylor, Treasurer.

NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY—Meets second Tuesday of the month in the Chapel at 7:00 P.M. H. J. Haskins, President; W. M. Snyder, Secretary; E. W. Slayton, Treasurer.

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JUNE 14, 1898.

THE CURiosity Strip.

One of the early heralds of the approach of spring is the catalogue of the seedsmen, adorned with beautiful and grotesque pictures of supposed products to be grown from the seeds offered. The picturesque pictures are not infrequently misleading as to the cuts. Certain crops that, by reason of the soil they adapted soil, can not be grown at all in this State, are urged upon unsuspecting farmers. These, if they do well in the South or bring profit to the growers in the fertile prairies of the West, to prevent their being sold as viable seeds. They are offered as such, and the public, by being induced to purchase the seeds, comes into the possession of bare plots. Few people realize that there is a good deal of fraud in the selling of seeds, and that the best way to guard against it is to buy from reliable dealers, and to compare the seeds they are offered with ordinary seeds. The best way to guard against it is to buy from reliable dealers, and to compare the seeds they are offered with ordinary seeds. The best way to guard against it is to buy from reliable dealers, and to compare the seeds they are offered with ordinary seeds.
**Second Nine Statement.**

A statement of the financial transactions of R. E. Morrow, as manager of the second nine, for the season of 1898:

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**RECEIPTS**

- Sale of uniforms: $11.50
- Sale of equipment: $9.80
- Sale of tickets: $33.90
- Special values: $1.20

**Total Receipts**

$53.90

The equipment left on hand at the end of the season consists of a breast protector, mask, catcher's mitt, first baseman's mit, bat, ball, and three old gray suits.

At the College.

- Miss Watkins will entertain her parents this week.
- Miss Mary Knaggs is again well enough to attend classes.
- Miss Jennette Carpenter, '98, is entertaining her mother this week.
- D. J. Crosby has a pocket knife picked up on the campus Saturday.
- A pair of steel-bowed spectacles will be returned to Miss Watkins at the president's office.
- Mrs. Smythe—"What would you do if I didn't have property?"
- Mrs. Smythe—"Well, what would you do?"
- Mrs. Smythe—"Yes, I'm afraid I'd need a lot of money."
- Mrs. Smythefor Mrs. Smythe!"
- Teacher—"You are painfully slow with figures, Tommy. Come, now, speak up quickly. If your father gave you a fifty-pound note and a twenty-pound note, what would you have?"
- "Tommy—$1.50, A. II."
- Prohibitionist, (to Irish servant)—"Pat, how does your master stand on the question of whisky?"
- "Well, sir, up to about 12 o'clock at night he stands pretty well, sir. Thin he generally has to lie down, sir."
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News From Graduates and Students.

Mrs. L. J. Briggs, '93, is visiting at the home of Mr. Briggs' parents, L. J. Mich.

Miss Myrtle Peck, Ann Arbor, is spending commencement week with Miss Mamie Baker.

L. C. Brooks, 92m, expects to visit the College this summer, possibly at commencement time.

Commissioner R. S. Campbell, '93, has supplied the teachers of St. Clair county with maps of Cuba.

Cloth, cultural statistics furnish striking evidence of this. Better dairy stock and pigs, more extensive and more methodical wheat raising, the growth of forages, improvements in farming methods, and higher agricultural education are among the cards dealt out in the Shelton shuffle."

Colleges and Exchanges.

Lehigh is raising money for a new $4,000 athletic club house.

Lafayette's new fire proof library building will cost $30,000.

The largest salary received by any college professor is that of Professor Turner of Edinburgh, $2,000.—Ex.

At Cornell the only candidates for captain of the football team are those who have played in the three most important games of the season.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. George H.Frazer, '97, has established a prize of $500, to be given to the member of that college who has the highest standing in scholarship.—Ex.

It is narrated (by a graduate of Princeton) that when the Harvard football team went on the field the next Saturday, and the struggle with the cadets eleven reached a point of extreme intensity, the West Point cadets ran back and forth on the side lines, bellowing: "Whoop it up, West Point! Tear 'em up, West Point! Now, boys, go through 'em!" and the like. But the Harvard college, aware, but also respectful of the institution, cried; "Fiercely, Harvard! Fiercely!"—Harper's Weekly.

The Wandering Singer and His Songs.

One of the handomest College souvenirs ever published is the book of poems by Frank Hodgeson, '96, of Ohio University. "The Wandering Singer and His Songs and Other Verses." The book is composed of pasted white cloth with blue and gilt trimmings, contains 105 pages of excellent paper with full gilt edges. It is beautifully illustrated with black and white plates drawn by Prof. W. M. Selsway, '96, and C. E. Thayer, '93. In that part of the book devoted to College poems there is a page which does not suggest sweet memories of days gone by, not only for those who were of the atridean but for the student of the nineties as well. Everybody who has seen the work is delighted with it.—M. A. C. RECORD, Feb. 14.

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